

24770. CHAYOTA EDULIS Jacq.**Chayote.**

From Mayaguez, P. R. Presented by Mr. D. W. May, Agricultural Experiment Station. Received February 27, 1909.

A medium-sized, smooth, pale-green variety, almost white; practically spineless. Secured for the purpose of carrying on experiments in the South with a view to encouraging its culture for the market. For distribution of this species see No. 24671.

24771 to 24819.

A collection of seeds and cuttings. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Brookings, S. Dak., while traveling as an agricultural explorer for the Department of Agriculture, December 3, 1908.

24771 to 24793. VITIS VINIFERA L.**Grape.**

"(Nos. 196 to 218.) A collection of native table and raisin grapes of central Asia grown by the Mohammedans from time immemorial. In recent years the manufacture of wine has assumed large proportions, since the conquest of the natives. The best variety is probably the *Maskah*, Nos. 197, 199, 209, and 218 (S. P. I. Nos. 24772, 24774, 24784, and 24793); it may prove to be the largest grape in cultivation. The last two or three years the *Maskah* has found its way to St. Petersburg markets, since the completion of the Orenburg-Tashkend Railway, where it caused a great sensation and sold for a much higher price than the largest grapes shipped from France, Germany, and the Crimea. All these vines should be tested as individuals till fruited, as the nomenclature is uncertain in these native vineyards." (*Hansen.*)

24794. POPULUS sp.**Poplar.**

"(No. 219.) Cuttings of a native poplar of upright habit like the Lombardy poplar. From Tashkend, Turkestan." (*Hansen.*)

24795. MALUS SYLVESTRIS Mill.**Apple.**

"(No. 220.) Scions of *Pyrus malus* (*Malus sylvestris*) *Namanganica*, a red-fleshed apple, native of eastern Turkestan, adjoining the Pamir plateau." (*Hansen.*)

24796. MALUS SYLVESTRIS Mill.**Apple.**

"(No. 221.) *Napoleon* apple, a new French variety of delicious flavor. Scions obtained at Tashkend, Turkestan." (*Hansen.*)

24797. PRUNUS ARMENIACA L.**Apricot.**

"(No. 219.) Scions of native apricot from Tashkend, Turkestan." (*Hansen.*)

24798. PUNICA GRANATUM L.**Pomegranate.**

"(No. 223.) Tree of choice native variety grown at Tiflis, Transcaucasia." (*Hansen.*)

24799. PUNICA GRANATUM L.**Pomegranate.**

"(No. 224.) Plant of a native variety grown at Tiflis, Transcaucasia." (*Hansen.*)

24800. ELAEAGNUS ANGUSTIFOLIA L.**Oleaster.**

"(No. 225.) A large-fruited variety from Tiflis, Transcaucasia." (*Hansen.*)

24801. RIBES sp.**Currant.**

"(No. 226.) Native currant from Tiflis, Transcaucasia." (*Hansen.*)

24802. MALUS SYLVESTRIS Mill.**Apple.**

"(No. 227.) Native apple *Schachalma*, from Tiflis, Transcaucasia." (*Hansen.*)

24803. ELAEAGNUS ANGUSTIFOLIA L.**Oleaster.**

"(No. 228.) A large-fruited variety from Tiflis, Transcaucasia." (*Hansen.*)